GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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SETTING UP OF ZONAL HEADQUARTERS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the funds earmarked to each of the new Zones during Tenth Plan period;

(b) whether the Government have set up all the Zonal Headquarters of newly created Railways Zones;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether some of the State Governments have offered free of cost land for setting up of new Zonal Railway Headquarters in their States;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the time by which all infrastructural facilities are likely to be provided to newly created Zones?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) Funds for individual works including new Zones are earmarked only on year to year basis and not for entire tenth plan period.

(b) to (d): The Government had set up all the Zonal Headquarters of newly created seven new Zones namelyNorth Central Railway/Allahabad, East Coast Railway/Bhubaneswar, East Central Railway/Hajipur, North Western Railway/Jaipur. West Centra Railway/Jabalpur, South Western Railway/Hubli and South East Central Railway/Bilaspur. Out of these, North Western Railway/Jaipu and East Central Railway/Hajipur have already been operationalised w.e.f. 01.10.2002. Remaining five Zones will become operational w.e.f. 01.4.2003.

(e) & (f) Only the Government of Orissa have allotted 39.4 acres of land for East Coast Railway Headquarters office free of cost.

(g) All minimum essential infrastructural facilities are/would be in place before the proposed date of operationalisation of new zones. However, it may take 3 to 5 years for creation of all infrastructural facilities envisaged for new zones.